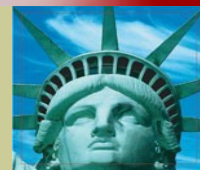




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Former U.S. Consul General Marjorie Ames and current U.S. Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories

U.S. Consul General Marjorie A. Ames bids farewell to Amsterdam Welcome Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories

On July 3rd, after three years of service, Consul General Marjorie A. Ames departed Amsterdam. The Consulate General Amsterdam welcomes her successor, Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories. Julie is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with 17 years of experience in Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Washington, D.C. During these tours she advanced foreign policy interests across a broad range of issues, including democratization and human rights, trade and investment, and immigration. She began her Foreign Service career as a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek and served additional consular tours in Baku, Azerbaijan; London, England; Skopje, Macedonia; and Pristina, Kosovo. In Washington, Ms. Ruterbories served as a congressional liaison officer, where she was awarded the Secretary's Award for Public Outreach. She also served in the State Department's Operations Center. Most recently, she worked as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs. She earned an undergraduate degree in History and Soviet Studies from Georgetown University and a graduate degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. She speaks several foreign languages, including German, French, Spanish, Russian and Macedonian. She is currently studying Dutch. Ms. Ruterbories is married to Dan R. Hildreth, a fellow Foreign Service Officer.



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SAVE THE DATE

Join the American and Netherlands Community in The Netherlands
in a Remembrance Ceremony to honor the victims of September 11, 2001
To be held on Friday, September 11, 2009 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

At the English Reformed Church, Begijnhof 48, Amsterdam
Informal reception following the ceremony

U.S. Consulate General Amsterdam Joins Facebook

As of July 21, 2009 the U.S. Consulate General Amsterdam is on Facebook. Yet another way of reaching out to the Netherlands and American community, this page will offer up to date information regarding events and news directly from the U.S. Consulate. As a member of the U.S. Consulate General Amsterdam's Facebook page, you join a community of people with similar experiences and interests. The option of starting discussions and leaving comments to posts is always available and is a great way to let your voice be heard. For more information you can link to the page via our website at <http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov> or search directly on Facebook for U.S. Consulate, Amsterdam.

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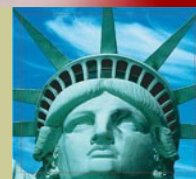
Need your passport renewed? Have documents to be notarized? Want extra visa pages in your passport? These services and more will be provided in Breda, Groningen and The Hague when staff from the U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam take to the road and meet with American citizens throughout the Netherlands. Recognizing that it can be difficult to get away from your daily life to visit the Consulate General, Consular Officer Daniel King and his staff will be visiting Groningen (Sept. 16th), Breda (Sept. 23rd), and the Hague (Date TBD). Send us an email at USCitizenService-SAMS@state.gov to let us know you'll be coming. For more information visit our website at <http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov> or you can visit us on Facebook.



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Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories Hosts Visitors from NYC & Co.

L-R Director of John Adams Institute and author Russell Shorto, Senior VP of NYC & Co. Kimberly Spell, CEO of NYC & Co. George Fertitta, and Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories delivering remarks to her guests

July 30, 2009 Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories hosted a reception at the Consulate General in honor of NYC & Co CEO George Fertitta's official visit to the Netherlands. Representatives of the Dutch and American communities, especially those planning events in New York City in September to commemorate New York 400, were present. Earlier in the day, Mr. Fertitta, together with representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the City of Amsterdam spoke with members of the press and the travel industry about the upcoming NY400 events in New York City. For additional information on these events please visit www.NY400.nl.

Explore Travel Health with the New 2010 Yellow Book!

Center for Disease Control, July 28, 2009: International travel is becoming more and more commonplace, and thus having at least a basic understanding of the medical problems that travelers face has become a necessary aspect of practicing medicine. The *CDC Health Information for International Travel 2010* has been extensively revised for this latest edition in an effort to stay on the cutting edge of travel health information. The book is meant to be a guide to the practice of travel medicine, as well as the authoritative source of U.S. government recommendations for immunizations and prophylaxis for foreign travel. The goal of this book is to be a comprehensive resource for the practitioner and public to find the answers to their travel-related questions, whether before travel, during travel, or post-travel. For this information and more, go to <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/content/yellowbook/home-2010.aspx>.